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Alexander Saunders

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FROM A RARE CELL IN A CELL
POPULATION

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Art Unit: 1634

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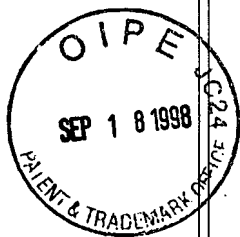
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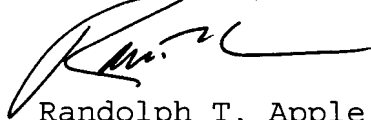
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